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SUBJECT:KRSKO

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH KOSTIC'S CATEGORIZATION OF U.S.
PROPOSAL AS A MERE RESTATEMENT OF OUR POSITION IN DECEMBER
AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH REPRESENTS NO PROGRESS. WE HOPE THAT
EMBASSY WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE UP KRSKO ISSUE DI-
RECTLY WITH BERNARDIC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HIS RETURN.
AS CHARGE AWARE, WE HAVE TRIED TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POS-
SIBLE IN MEETING YUGOSLAV OBJECTIONS TO "THE UNILATERAL

ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS" BY USG AND HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA WHICH DOES NOT OFFEND YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITIES ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY. INASMUCH AS IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION, BASED ON BELGRADE TALKS, THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS NO INTENTION OF ACQUIRING REPROCESSING CAPABILITY AND NO INTENTION OF TRANSFERRING U.S.-SUPPLIED MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT FOR KRSKO, WE DO NOT SEE WHY SUBSTANCE OF OUR REQUEST SHOULD GIVE GOY PROBLEMS. AS FOR FORM, WE HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER YUGOSLAV PROPOSALS IN ADDITION TO THOSE PUT FORWARD IN STATE 52571, WHICH WERE THEMSELVES RESPONSIVE TO SUGGESTIONS FROM YUGOSLAV SIDE.

2. WITH INCREASING PRESS COVERAGE (SUCH AS WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, SEE SEPTEL) CONTRIBUTING TO AN ALREADY "PRINCIPLED" STAND BY THE GOY, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT YUGOSLAV INTEREST IN A PRACTICAL RESOLUTION OF THE LICENSING IMPASSE--WHICH WAS DISPLAYED BY THE YUGOSLAV TEAM DURING THE FEBRUARY 24-25 DISCUSSIONS--MAY BE OVERTAKEN BY THE MOMENTUM OF INCREASING PRESS ATTENTION AND ALL-TOO PREDICTABLE YUGOSLAV RESPONSES BASED ON ITS "PRINCIPLED POSITIONS." WE HOPE THAT BERNARDIC CAN BE MADE TO APPRECIATE THIS PROBLEM AND THE DRAWBACKS OF A FORMAL YUGOSLAV RESPONSE "FROM A VERY HIGH LEVEL" WHICH CLOSES OFF THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

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